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MEMORANDUM

TO : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Administrative Plan for SR Subsidy Project AEQUOR

Objective

1. To provide for the exploitation of anti-Soviet Byelorussian emigre groups and for ultimate development of covert PP assets inside the Byelorussian S. S. R. Through agents supplied by these emigre groups it will be possible to expand the resistance efforts in the Byelorussian S. S. R.

Instrumentality

2. This project is currently supporting a weekly newspaper and a monthly satirical magazine. Both are published by the BNR, the largest and most influential Byelorussian emigre organization. These two publications bolster the prestige of the BNR as a political organization. The BNR claims to be the legal government of the independent republic of Byelorussia. It consists of approximately 150 official members residing in Western Europe, the United States, and South America.

3. Funds are introduced into BNR for the two publications as contributions from persons interested in the realization of Byelorussian independence. Three members of the BNR are witting of Agency interest but the employees of both publications are unwitting.

4. Operational control is maintained by the Agency through the Field Case Officer. The BNR, when granted subsidization for the publications, agreed to accept suggestions concerning editorial policies and it is reported that both publications have been responsive to suggestions offered and that their editorial policies have been consonant with the Agency's desires.

Approval

5. U. S. S. R. fiscal 1953 country program was approved in principle by the DCI on 30 January 1953. The DD/P approved this project on 22 May 1953 for fiscal year 1953 in the amount of [] It is estimated that the allotment for this project for fiscal year 1954 will be []

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6. The attached Administrative Plan has the concurrence of the respective offices of interest and is recommended for your approval.

[] Chief
Project Administrative Planning Staff, DD/A

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Project Officer

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Office of the Comptroller

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I. Funding

1. Funds shall be provided for this project on the basis of a budget prepared by the SR Division and concurred in by the Office of the Comptroller. This budget will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the project approval.

2. Funds will be made available for this project on the basis of a field allotment to the Chief of Station on the request of the SR Field Case Officer supervising this project.

3. The Field Case Officer will transmit the funds to a representative of BNR who shall receipt for the funds. The receipt will show date, payer, and the amount of funds received.

4. Funds will be introduced into BNR as extensible contributions from persons interested in the objectives of the organization.

II. Accounting

5. BNR shall submit monthly, a statement of cash receipts and disbursements showing cash balance at the beginning and end of the period classifying receipts by source and classifying disbursements by purpose of expenditure. Copies of these reports will be forwarded to SR and the Finance Division.

III. Writeoff and Financial Control

6. All funds advanced for this project will be recorded as an allotment expenditure at the time the advance is made by the Agency.

7. The Authorized Certifying Officer is empowered to write off to cost all funds advanced for the project on the basis of receipts signed by a representative of BNR showing the date, payer, and amount of funds received.

8. At the time an advance is made, memorandum control accounts will be established by the Finance Division reflecting the advance to the project. These advances shall be cleared from the memorandum control accounts upon receipt by the Finance Division of financial statements showing utilization of the funds provided and a statement from the SR Case Officer supervising the project in the field that the funds disbursed have been expended for the purpose for which they were advanced and that the accomplishments of the group warrants continuing subsidy payments.

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IV. Organization

9. The representative of the ^{RECAMBISTA I} BNR who is used as a cutout for transmittal of funds to the organization shall have an operational clearance.

10. Three members of the ^{RECAMBISTA I} BNR are aware of ^{KUBARK} Agency subsidization of the publications. These members, as well as any other personnel who may be in a position to become witting of ^{KUBARK} Agency interest, shall be appropriately cleared as determined by SR and Staff C/SPB. ^{THE HEADQUARTERS SECURITY OFFICE.}

V. Operational Control

11. Operational control is maintained through the SR Case Officer supervising the project in the field, by suggesting changes in the editorial policy of the publications through the ^{RECAMBISTA I} BNR Representative who acts as cutout for transmittal of funds to these publications.

VI. Audit

12. The audit program for this project shall be determined and carried out in accordance with ^{KUBARK} Agency regulations.

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL

/s/ [Signature]
DD/P-ADMIN

10 September 1953
Date

AUTHORIZED

/s/ [Signature]
Acting DD/A

21 September 1953
Date

APPROVED

for /s/ Richard D. Melms
DD/P

25 September 1953
Date

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